



Molecular Interactions in the Solution of Leaf Extract of *Ocimum Tenuiflorum*: An Ultrasonic Study

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Abstract

Ultrasonic Velocity, density, viscosity have been measured experimentally for the solution of leaf extract of *Ocimum Tenuiflorum* in double distilled water with various concentrations at 298.15 K, 303.15 K, 308.15 K keeping constant frequency of 2 MHz. As the acoustical parameters like adiabatic compressibility, intermolecular free length, relative association, relaxation time, specific acoustic impedance would prove to be more useful to predict and confirm the molecular interactions, these have been determined by measuring the Ultrasonic Velocity, density, viscosity of the prepared solution. A variation in these parameters will provide strong information regarding the molecular interactions taking place in the solution.

Keywords: Ultrasonic Velocity, Adiabatic Compressibility, Relative Association.

Introduction:

In recent years ultrasonic technique has become a powerful tool in providing information regarding the molecular behaviour of the liquids, polymer solutions and mixtures etc. Owing to its ability of characterizing physico-chemical behavior of the medium. Ultrasonic velocity measurements and other acoustic parameters of liquid mixtures are the powerful technique in understanding of chemical nature and the molecular interactions. Our country is very well known for Ayurveda, in the Ayurveda medicines are largely made up from plants, herbs. One of such herbs is Tulsi which is also known as Holy Basil. Tulsi is known for its antifungal nature. The solution of leaf extract of *Ocimum Tenuiflorum* in distilled water is studied at 2 MHz for the concentration of 1%, 0.5%, 0.25%, 0.125% at 298.15K, 303.15K, 308.15K. Here the effect of concentration at different temperature on molecular interaction will be predicted which may be helpful for predicting the reactivity of the extract.

Experimental:

The leaf extract used in this study was of analytical range. Double distilled water was used for the preparation of solution. A special thermostatic water bath arrangement was made to maintain constant temperature. 1%, 0.5%, 0.25%, 0.125% solutions of leaf extracts of *ocimum tenuiflorum* was prepared by taking accurate weights on electronic digital balance (Model CB/CA/CT-Series, Contech having accuracy ± 0.0001 g.) The ultrasonic velocity of the 1%, 0.5%, 0.25%, 0.125% solutions of leaf extracts of *ocimum tenuiflorum* was measured with the Multifrequency ultrasonic interferometer (Model M-83, Mittal Enterprises) at 2mhz with an accuracy of ± 2 m/s. All the readings were

taken at 298.15 K, 303.15K, 308.15K. The viscosity was measured by using Ostwald's viscometer and the density of the solution was measured by using Digital densitometer (DMA-35, Anton paar).

Computations:

By using ultrasonic velocity following ultrasonic parameters are calculated.

Adiabatic compressibility -

$$\beta = 1/v^2 d$$

Where, v - Velocity of solution,

d - Density of liquid

Intermolecular free length -

$$L_f = K\sqrt{\beta_s}$$

Where, K - temperature dependent known as Jacobson's constant

Specific acoustic impedance -

$$Z = v \times d_s$$

Relative association -

$$R_A = d_s / d_0 [v_0 / v_s]^{1/3}$$

Where, v_0 - Ultrasonic velocity of solvent

v_s - Ultrasonic velocity of solution

Relaxation time -

$$\tau = 4/3 \beta_s \times \eta$$

Results and Discussion:

The ultrasonic velocity of 1%, 0.5%, 0.25%, 0.125% OcimumTenuiflorum (Tulsi) leaf extract solution in water was measured at 298.15 K, 303.15K, 308.15K at 2 MHz frequency. From table no.1, it is observed that at different concentrations the ultrasonic velocity increases with increase in concentration, but this increase is not regular as we can see from the Table no.1 and figure no 1. Figure 2 shows the variation of viscosity with temperature at different concentrations.

From table no.2 and fig.3 it is observed that adiabatic compressibility decreases with increase in concentration. This can be explained as the water molecules strongly associate through hydrogen bonding with leaf extract molecules. Therefore bonds between solute- solvent strengthen the intermolecular forces resulting in decrease in adiabatic compressibility with increase in concentration. A strong evidence for solute - solvent interaction is that the value of specific acoustic impedance increases with increase in concentration in figure 4. The intermolecular free length is the distance between the surfaces of the neighbouring molecules. Here the intermolecular free length decreases with increase in concentration which clearly indicates strong solute- solvent interaction figure 5.

Relative association is a measure of extent of association of components in the medium. It is a property of understanding the molecular interaction in liquid mixtures and solutions. As discussed relative association depends on either of breaking of solvent molecules on addition of solute to it or the

salvation of ions that are present. The result shows that relaxation time and relative association increase with increase in concentration at a given temperature (fig.6 & fig.7).

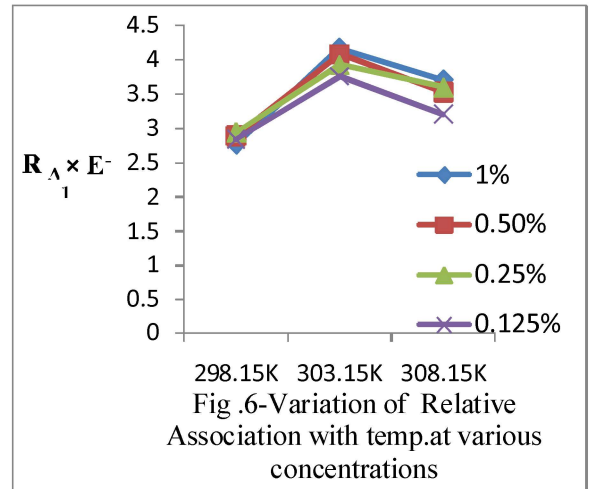
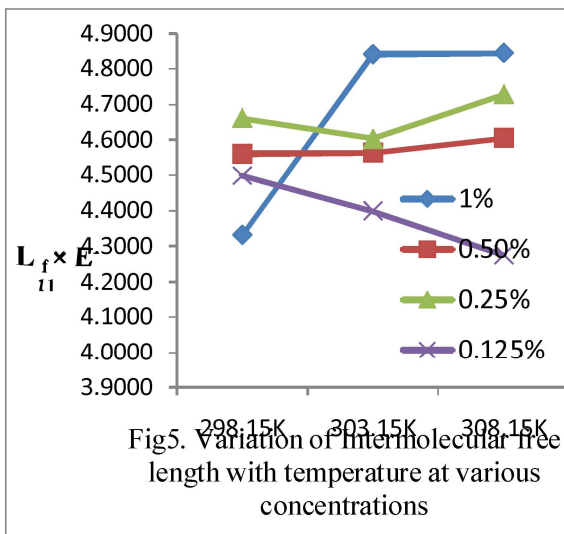
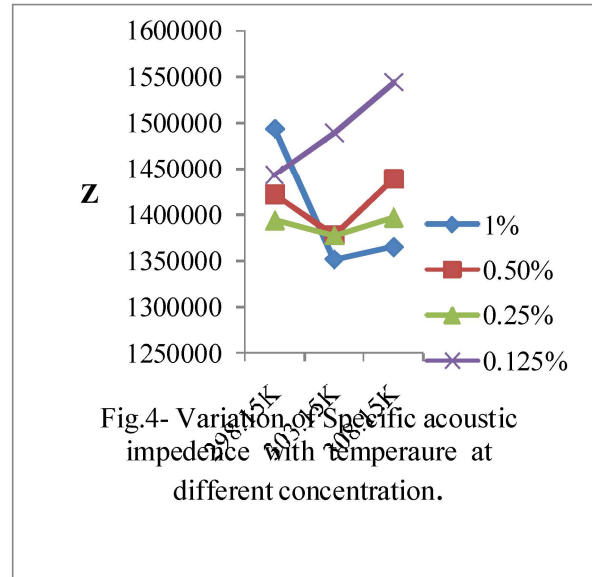
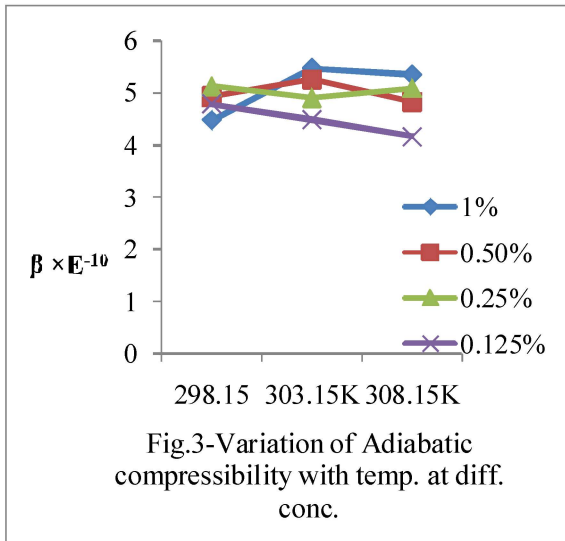
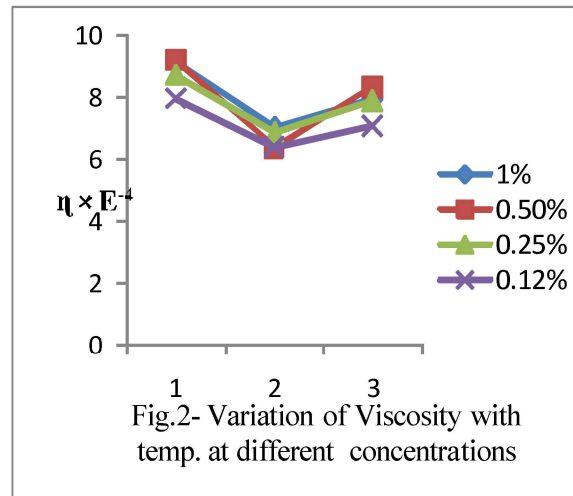
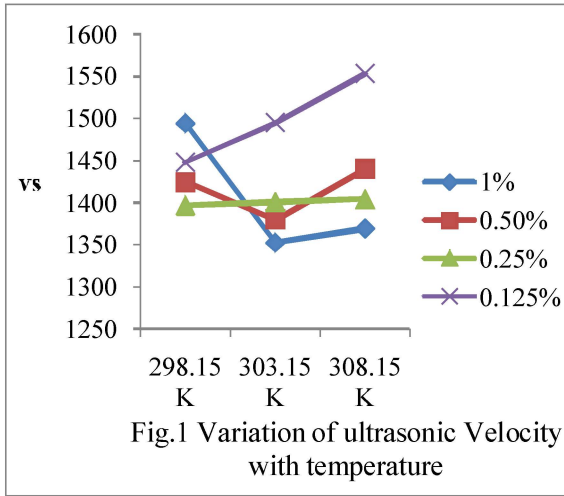
The experimentally determined values are listed in the following table.

Table 1: Density, Viscosity and Velocity (at frequency 2 MHz) of Tulsi leaf extract solution,

Conc. (%)	Temp. (K)	Density (d_s) (Kg m ⁻³)	Velocity(v_s) (m/s)	Viscosity (η) (Kg m ⁻¹ s ⁻²)
1%	298.15	1000	1494.2	9.163 E ⁻⁴
	303.15	999.2	1352.4	7.018 E ⁻⁴
	308.15	999.0	1369.2	7.950 E ⁻⁴
0.5%	298.15	998.6	1424.4	9.218 E ⁻⁴
	303.15	998.3	1380.0	6.375 E ⁻⁴
	308.15	998.0	1439.8	8.317 E ⁻⁴
0.25%	298.15	998.0	1396.8	8.7368 E ⁻⁴
	303.15	995.9	1400.8	6.875 E ⁻⁴
	308.15	995.1	1404.0	7.890 E ⁻⁴
0.125%	298.15	997.9	1448.0	7.974 E ⁻⁴
	303.15	996.4	1495.0	6.412 E ⁻⁴
	308.15	994.5	1553.2	7.091 E ⁻⁴

Table 2: Acoustic parameters of Tulsi leaf extract solution in distilled water at 2 MHz.

Conc. (%)	Temp. (K)	Adiabatic Compressibility	Specific Acoustic Impedance Kg M ⁻² S ⁻¹	Intermolecular free length	Relative Association	Relaxation time
1%	298.15	4.480 E ⁻¹⁰	1494200	4.331 E ⁻¹¹	2.758 E ⁻¹	5.473 E ⁻¹³
	303.15	5.471 E ⁻¹⁰	1351318	4.842 E ⁻¹¹	4.169 E ⁻¹	5.107 E ⁻¹³
	308.15	5.350 E ⁻¹⁰	1365092	4.844 E ⁻¹¹	3.707 E ⁻¹	5.657 E ⁻¹³
0.5%	298.15	4.935 E ⁻¹⁰	1422405	4.560E ⁻¹¹	2.890 E ⁻¹	6.050 E ⁻¹³
	303.15	5.261 E ⁻¹⁰	1377240	4.563 E ⁻¹¹	4.081 E ⁻¹	4.460 E ⁻¹³
	308.15	4.832 E ⁻¹⁰	1438792	4.604 E ⁻¹¹	3.530 E ⁻¹	5.345 E ⁻¹³
0.25%	298.15	5.135 E ⁻¹⁰	1394006	4.6611E ⁻¹¹	2.946 E ⁻¹	5.998 E ⁻¹³
	303.15	4.918 E ⁻¹⁰	1377240	4.603 E ⁻¹¹	3.933 E ⁻¹	4.497 E ⁻¹³
	308.15	5.097 E ⁻¹⁰	1397120	4.728 E ⁻¹¹	3.608 E ⁻¹	5.172 E ⁻¹³
0.125%	298.15	4.786 E ⁻¹⁰	1443961	4.4996E ⁻¹¹	2.841 E ⁻¹	5.075 E ⁻¹³
	303.15	4.490 E ⁻¹⁰	1489618	4.3981 E ⁻¹¹	3.761 E ⁻¹	3.829 E ⁻¹³
	308.15	4.169 E ⁻¹⁰	1544458	4.2760 E ⁻¹¹	3.206 E ⁻¹	3.931 E ⁻¹³



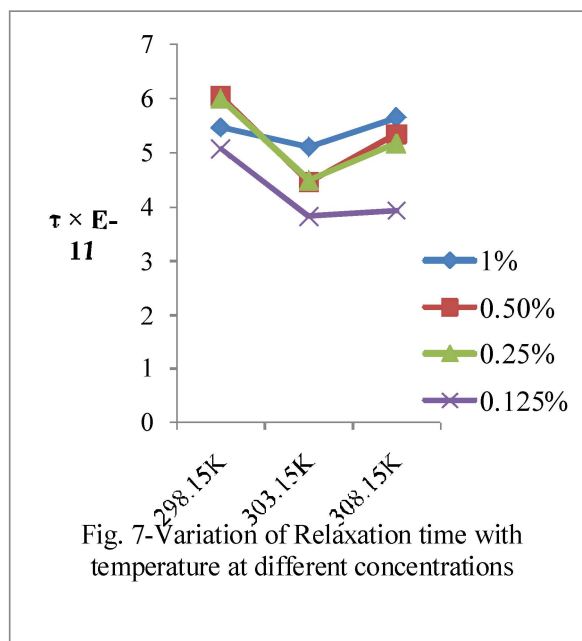


Fig. 7-Variation of Relaxation time with temperature at different concentrations

Conclusion:

From the above discussion, nonlinear variation with temperature in adiabatic compressibility (β_s), acoustic impedance (Z), free length (L_f), relaxation time (τ), relative association (RA), is observed in the system. It shows the presence of hydrogen bonding between the $-OH$ groups of solute and $-H$ or $-O-$ of solvent molecule. It is observed that molecular association between Tulsi leaf extract and water solvent may arise from intermolecular hydrogen bonding which supports the molecular association occurring in the solution.

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